

# *Why We farmers are Living as Gulams (Slaves) in our country*

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## **BOOK-1 FOR POLICY MAKERS AND INTELLECTUALS AND MEDIA**

*“Can tomorrows India survive without happy farmers”  
“Tomorrows India cannot survive without happy Farmers”*

The Indian Elite, Middle Class intellectuals and urbanites do not know what farmers do are even who they are. Farming has always been feature of Human societies. While the sectors of economy have come and gone over the course of history. But farming has stayed with us every time. There is one industrial revolution but succession of Agriculture Revolution.

Farming is at the service of other priorities. Its prime responsibility to towards populations whose life depends on its success and failure. The responsibility for successful Agriculture depends on the willingness of a farmer to stay in village and work. The society including the policy makers intellectuals, industry, media and others has to provide sufficient support, and recognition to the farmers to enable them continue with agricluture. The country can survive 100 wars but not 100 days of foot riots.

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Dear Kissan Brothers,

**“Farmers in India have independence but not freedom”**

**The Old adage** is that Indian Farmers are **born in debt, live in debt and die in debt** and now they say farming is nor sustainable therefore go to cities to lead destitute life.

### **FARMERS SAY - STOP TALKING NONSENSE**

**We are neither WEAK NOR MEEK.** We are like sun rays giving **LIGHT TO SUSTAIN LIFE.** If we do not appear for a day, the world will plunge into darkness. By uniting we will melt iron.

**Let us analys our problems:**

Why are we not getting **CREDIT or CROP INSURANCE or MSP or PROCUREMENT or ELECTRICITY or LABOUR or HIGH YIELDING GENETIC SEEDS or MACHINERY or SUFFICIENT WATER?**

Why the 60% women in villages have to walk 5 Kms to get drinking water? Why Farmers sell gold or land to educate children or provide medical treatment. Why are we not getting pension.

Between 1991- 2014, the salary of MLA and MP increased by 500%. The Employee Salaries increased by 300%. Steel, Cement, Soaps, Cloth increased by 300%. The Fertilizer prices increased from Rs.300 to Rs.1,100/-. The Pesticides from Rs.400/- to Rs.1,200/-. The Labour wage from Rs.100/- to Rs.400/-. **But the price of agricultural produce increased only by 75%- Why?**

The Farming is now done by tenant, small, marginal, women, Fishermen, Nomads mostly belonging to SCs, STs and BCs. They are mostly illiterate and with limited communication skills and therefore not able to organise themselves and lobby for favourable policies. So also not able to curtail exploitation.

**WHO HAS BETRAYED US?** We worked hard to **provide food to the Nation** and expected our **share in development.** Trusted leaders to **safe guard our interests.** When confronted with endless difficulties we thought it is our **fate and destiny.**

Now we realized that it is our fellow countrymen's, politicians, business men, employees, media, professionals and intellectual whose selfishness, **negligence, corruption and exploitation** that are **responsible for our problems.** They are using us like **Roman Slaves.**

**What shall we do?** Now we will **not blame them**, but **take our fate into our own hands** and be the **changing agents of our destiny**. We refuse to believe the **jargon of reforms** but **demand economic equity and social recognition**.

- ◆ GIVE US TECHNOLOGIES - WE WILL INCREASE PRODUCTIVITY.
- ◆ MAKE INVESTMENTS – WE WILL MAKE IT SUSTAINABLE
- ◆ GIVE US FREEDOM TO MARKET - WE WILL INCREASE PROFITABILITY.
- ◆ EMPOWER FARMERS - TO BECOME GLOBALLY COMPETITIVE.

**Using Elections to get assurance from Politicians:**

Elections to parliament are scheduled in April/ May 2014. Political Leaders will come our house to seek our vote. Instead selling our votes for money or supporting our caste men or party men let us put forth our demands as detailed in the book and get promise from him that he will pursue them in Parliament and also in Assembly. If he did not implement next time boycott him by not allowing into your village. The demands are printed in all Indian Languages and sent to Farmers Leaders, Media, Political Leaders and others. They are available on our website [www.indianfarmers.org](http://www.indianfarmers.org).

Farmers Responsibility: Every one of you must understand the demands and also explain to our fellow farmers including all women. Publish pamphlet write on the walls,propogate through flexi banners. Make all the villages take a pledge that they will not vote without taking promise from the MP candidate. Contact CIFA office at Delhi or Hyderabad and also the Leaders of your state given in the book for details and clarifications:

The Feeding of the nine billion: farming after 10,000 years ago: Whoever could make two ears of corn, or two blades of grass, to grow upon a spot of ground where only one grew before, would deserve better of mankind, and do more essential service to his country, than the whole race of politicians put together.

**JOHATHAN SWIFT**  
Gulliver’s Travels

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President

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## **1. A.)- 5 Important Demands of Farmers**

- 1. PRICE:** To fix MSP at Cost of Production + 50% for house expenditure.
- 2. CREDIT:** To Provide Rs.3 Lakh Credit at 4% Interest to all farmers including women, Tenants, Fishermen, Nomads.
- 3. RISK MITIGATION:** compulsory crop Insurance to individual farmers. Total Compensation for crop lost due to natural calamities of Drought, Floods, Cyclone & Wild Animals.
- 4. ENCOURAGING ANIMAL HUSBANDRY** - Dairy -Meat - Fisheries - : BY P R O V I D I N G - Credit - Incentives – Technologies.
- 5. PENSION TO ALL FARMERS AT REACHING 60 YEARS AGE:** Rs.3, 000/- PER MONTH

## **1. B.)-5 Important Actions by Political Leaders.**

- 1. A DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER HEADING MINISTRY OF FARMERS & AGRICULTURE TO PRESENT SEPARATE UNION BUDGET COMPRISING -AGRICULTURE - IRRIGATION -FERTILIZER-COMMERCE - NABARD - INSURANCE.**
- 2. INCREASING INVESTMENTS IN AGRICULTURE** – Governments-Indian Private- FDI-World Bank on-Irrigation, Mechanization, Processing, Agriculture/Genetic Research – Education - Extension.
- 3. LIBERALIZING MARKETS:** Limiting Procurement - Free Internal Trading & Export Policies – Processing - Fixed Export Policy for 5 years - APMC & TENANCY REFORMS & DIRECT CASH SUBSIDY
- 4. FARMERS EMPOWERMENT:** - Delegation of Planning, Financial and Administrative Powers to Farmers Institutions.  
**PANCHAYATS – COMMODITY BOARDS – WATER USERS – COOP-ERATIVES – MARKET YARDS.**
- 5. FARMERS SPECIFIC IT SERVICES - EXTENSION - WEATHER – MARKETS – AADHAR CARD.**

## 2. MSP to be Cost of Production + 50%:

The Minimum Support Price (MSP) by GOI is always less than open market price and international price. The Government imposes restriction on internal trading as well as exports. It is a shame that the NCF reports of Dr. M.S. Swaminathan given in 2007 is not yet implemented. The Members of Parliament of all Political Parties have not yet taken up this issue in the Parliament. Let us question? Has to why they have not taken up this issue? CIFA demands that the support price must be cost of production + 50%. CIFA demands CACP to be made autonomous.

### Example of LOW MSP FIXATION

Year	Production	MSP	Production	MSP	Production	MSP	Production	MSP
2010	230	190	1250	930	1350	1200	3500	2500
2011	245	210	1355	1110	1500	1285	3900	3000

**3) Compulsory Procurement:** The Government fixes MSP for 20 crops but it does not take up procurement except for paddy and wheat in few states. At the same time Government do not allow private sector to take procurement to purchase and export. CIFA demands that the Government must procure every grain produced by the Farmers or change the policy to have a better price realisation.

**4) Providing Credit of minimum Rs.2 Laksh to Every Farmer at 4% Interest:** As of 2014 the Banks are providing credit to limited number of farmers. The small, marginal and tenant farmers are dependent on private money lenders. Who charge 36% interest? CIFA demands that every farmer be provided with credit at 4% interest. Banks may consider new approaches such as involving Agro-Industries and Agri-input industries in providing credit to the unorganised sectors.

**5) Compulsory Insurance & Compensation:** 82% of small farmers cannot afford to pay 10% premium for insurance. During natural calamities the investment of the Farmer, loans borrowed and the family labour are all lost. But the Government neither gives insurance nor pay compensation for natural calamities. It is for this reason that the farmers got into permanent indebtedness and committing suicides. It is the constitutional responsibility of GOI that they must totally compensate the entire crop losses, damage to the lands and house. So also the individual crop losses due to pests, diseases must be compensated by

the GOI. For the loss of one crop interest to be waived and for the loss of 2 crops with in 3 years total loan to be waived.

**6) Give Direct Cash Subsidy To Farmers:** The Fertilizer Subsidy is benefiting the Industries CIFA demands that the Fertilizer be given directly to each Farmer based on the land holding, cropping by remitting to the Account of Post Office/ Bank.

**7) Compulsory Mechanization of Agriculture:** labour availability has become extremely critical and also highly expensive youth are not willing to do physical drudgery. CIFA demands all Agriculture activities be mechanised. T h e Agriculture activity is seasonal therefore 50% subsidy on all machinery, with no import duty and at 4% interest given to institutions of sugar factories, cooperatives, input companies as well as individuals for mechanisation.

**8) Pension to all Farmers:** A Farmer working for 40 years with unlimited physical drudgery and expose to the natural is expected to work at the old age of 60 years. He never had nutrition food, nor holiday nor any specific timings. The elite of country must be ashamed to ask this old farmer to work even after 60 years of age. Farmers will not tolerate this injustice. CIFA demands every farmer be given Rs.3,000/- as pension on reaching 60 years age.

**9) Providing 2/3 Wheelers to all Farmers:** Our Leaders have cars and Bapus have buses and Metros so that they can go to offices in time and do shopping on Sundays. What about a farmer who has to sell his vegetables/Milk/Fish in the near by town. Should he go by local bus which will take 4 hours to go and come? And wastes half day labour. lbstead CIFA demands that every farmer be provided with 2/3 Wheelers so that every day he can go to near by market to sell produce and while coming back brings fertilizer needed by the house. Let the Government pay 50% subsidy.

**10) Use of Remote Sensing For Crop Loss Evaluation:** India has sent rocket to mars to locate water. But do not evince interest to locate water for our farmers in Rajasthan or Vidharba or Rayalaseema or Bundalkand. Our VIPS have GPRS mobiles and satellitee TV programmes. However, our leaders have forgotten that this remote sensing technology can be used to assess crop losses due to floods, droughts, and dieaseses. CIFA demands that remote be used to evaluate the crop losses and pay the compensation to farmers Bank/Post Office Accounts within 60 days.

**11) Providing Rs. 2 Lakhs Medical Facility to every Farmers Family:**

Farmers suffer many diseases due to high physical work, exposure to nature, lack of nutrition food, ignorance of Health care etc., The Modern Medical Services are expensive and causes immense financial burden to farmer suffering with disease. CIFA demands every farmer's family be provided a minimum Rs. 2 Lakhs Health facility in Government as well as Private Hospitals .

**12) Providing 2 Lakhs to Farmers Children for Professional Education:**

82% of Farmers are small and marginal and 40% are Agriculture Labour. They can not provide professional education of Engineering, Medical, Computers to their children. Hence the need for support.

**13) Providing Adequate Compensation For Land Acquisition:**

The Compensation Act is beneficial provided it is strictly implemented. A part from Land acquisition construction of high tension towers, laying gas/water pipes will cause loss to the Agriculture Land. CIFA demands that a District Committee under the District Judge be constituted for evaluating the land Value and Monitor Payment before the land is acquired.

**14) Saving Farmers Lives:**

Rubber Boots and Rubber Gloves to save farmers lives. Thousands of farmers die every year due to electric shocks and snake bites when they go to fields to put on the electric motors. Their precious life can be saved by providing rubber boots and rubber gloves. CIFA demands that the Government could supply the above at 90% subsidy.

**15) Making Women Farmers Lives Comfortable:**

A women farmer in north India has to get up at 4 A.M in the morning in the winter months of December, January to clean the milch animal and take out milk. These Millions of malnutrition women day after day and year after year has to undergo the untold suffering of cold winter. Is there anything that we elite, the middle class, the organised and well to do people can do? CIFA wants that these women be provided milch machines, a winter clothing, a solar light and rubber gloves so that she can live like a human being.

**16) Diesel Subsidy For Farming:** Between 1985 and 2010 over 20 million hectares of land is brought under cultivation by the farmers by digging tube wells each costing Rs.5,00,000/- to irrigate to 2 hectares. However, these farmers get 3 hours electricity in day time and 4 hours electricity in night time. To provide sufficient water they purchase diesel engine by investing Rs. 50,000/- and spend another Rs.30,000/- on purchase of diesel. The Government claim that they are providing free electricity forgetting the fact of Farmers investment on tube well and engine and diesel. Should not the Government consider providing diesel at 50% subsidy to these farmers as a gesture of goodwill. Let farmers of india demand that GOI must provide diesel at 50% subsidy to our diesel engines Tractor, Transplanter, Harvester, Two/Three Wheelers, Chop Cutters.

**17) Increasing Electricity Supply to Farmers:** Ground Water user farmers have made their own investments on tube wells, purchase of motor and also maintenance. C I FA demands that it is obligatory on the part of Governments to provide 12 hours uninterrupted power supply to all farmers.

**18) Empowerment Of Farmers:** whenever, I pass through Yogana Bhavan in Delhi I wonder how the experts and babu sitting here are able to understand the ground problems I have seen in Sri Ganga Nagar water salination or Demapur (Nagaland Shortage of Water) or Coffee Planters problem in Sakalaspur (Karnataka). Everyone in the country dealing with agriculture are aware that centralised planning is a great failure and that panchayat planning is the way out. No doubt both original Gandhi and his name sake prime Minister have propagated Panchayat Raj, in reality the planning and process of farmers empowerment has not happened. It is difficult to expect our politicians to forgo their control over Farmers Institutions of market yards, cooperatives, water users and others. We have a long struggle ahead to liberate ourselves from the clutches of political masters. CIFA wants that from 2014 onwards we will lobby and pursue with political leaders to democratise farmer's institution by empowering them with planning, financial and implementation powers.

**19) Government Misguides Farmers on Subsidies:** Governments say that they are giving subsidy on fertilizer, machinery, drip, electricity, water etc., but this is highly misleading. The Government deliberately suppresses the Farmers Price. Between 2004 and 2014 the fertilizer price increased 300% (300 to 1000) Labour increased 400%(100 to 400), pesticides 500%(300 to 1200), diesel 200%. The MP and MLA Salaries increased by 500%. The Bapus Salary by 300%. Steel, Cement, Cloth, Soaps increased by 300%. But the price of wheat, paddy, cotton, oil seeds increased by only 100% why this discrimination? Let us demand the MPs that the Commodity Prices (MSP) must linked with living index and increased regularly.

**20) Is Linking MGNREGA With Farming:** makes it more meaningful by reducing the cost of production and building real assets. While the politicians may have their views. We Farmers demand 50% of the working days of MGNREGA be linking with farming activity wherein we farmers will pay 50% of the labour charges. Let us discuss it after Elections?

**21) Sugar Policies** GOI give Rs.45/- to petrol produced by IOC and Ambani. But they are not willing to give ethanol produced by sugar sector the same Rs.45/- we do not know why this discrimination. Let us demand that your MP candidate give an assurance about getting us equal price for ethanol on par with petrol. Likewise, we need to encourage use of ethanol in the local cars/ 3 wheelers/2 wheelers/ tractors. Let there be a sugar policy for every 5 years but not on day to day basis.

**22) Rice and Wheat Policy:** To remove BPT/ Sona Masoori Rice and Durum Wheat from procurement purview. Long term export of rice and wheat minimum 5 million tons is allowed. So also 1 million tons of par boiled rice. This will enable brand image building and captured international market. The rice should also be allowed to be used for producing ethanol and other products.

**23) Commercial & Plantation Crops Policies:** cotton, oil seeds, chilies, turmeric, onions, coffee, tea, rubber need a 5 year policy for internal as

well as external marketing. This will enable producers and industry/exporters to have long term contract for production processing and marketing.

**24) Assured Long Term Meat Policy:** India has advantages in rearing buffalos, sheep, goat, turkey, pigs, poultry, ducks etc. These activities are conducted by Farmers who are mostly illiterate, socially disadvantaged and are living in difficult places. In the recent years, enterpreneurs in MEAT exports have achieved 17,000 cores exports. The poultry sector is well organised so also the fish and prawns sector. However, there is need for special focus on this sector as it provides guranteed and secured income to the above sectors. The growing internal and external markets can be utilised by India for its economic advantage of individual income, health development, creating employment and earning foreign exchange. CIFA demands a National Committee be established independently for this purpose.

**25) Encouraging Consolidation of Land Holdings:** The Fragmentation of Lands is of great disadvantage which is known to farmers at the village level the small farmers are willing to consolidate their holdings. However, the registration charges are high and act as a deterrent CIFA demands that the registration charges be waived for consolidation.

**26) Hold Special Parliament Sessions:** The National Commission on Farmers submitted in 2007 to UPA is not implemented. There is needed to make Agriculture and irrigation as concurrent subjects . The national Parties claim of great achievements by of making India as a super power. But they do not take responsibility for Farmers suicides, Migration, Malnutrition or Naxalism. They refuse to take the responsibility for farmers problems on the pretext that the Agriculture and Irrigation are State Subjects. The reality is that it is GOI Policies that are responsible for the Farmers Problems. CIFA demands that Irrigation and Agriculture be included as concurrent subjects so that GOI will take responsibility to provide solution to problems of constructing Irrigation projects, providing modern agriculture technologies and arranging for markets. To what extent NCF was implemented needs to be reviewed.

**27) Establish Kisan TV Channels:** The Private TV Channels rarely take up Farmers Problems. The DD has limited timing and has its own priorities. It is necessary that the Farmers issues success stories in India and Abroad new opportunities, new technologies, WTO issues are all made known to farmers. CIFA demands 24 hours TV Kissan channel in all languages are established immediately.

**28) Enhancing Agriculture Research Institutions Status On Par With National Labs:** Genetic Technology, Nano Technology are the feature for Human, Animal and Agriculture. it is necessary that the Agriculture Research Institutions be made autonomous and be provided with huge resources. It will enable Indian Farmers to produce required national needs of food, feed, fuel, fodder. This is critical in view of the reduced land and also international competition.

**29) Awareness on Alcoholism:** Mahatma Gandhi would have gone on Dharna before Parliament for encouraging of Alchol production and Marketing by political parties. The sweat money of poor people used for development is a shame for independent India. The poor families are made addicted to Alchol. The Scratch Whisky consuming Indian Elite will not stop alchol production and there sale so that they can announce many grand programmes. Atleast they can allocate money to sensitise and create awareness on the problems of Alcholism CIFA demands that GOI to allot Rs. 5,000 Cores every year for awareness building.

**30) Empowering Girl Child** –The Indian Sastras say that only a boy can save the p arents from **PUNNANARAKAM**. It is also felt that the Girl Child as to be paid dowry etc., it is difficult for us to change our views to overnight. Let us create a situation wherein parents will not feel that the girl is not a financial burden. CIFA demands that the Government makes a fixed deposit of Rs. 50,000/- for every girl child to be given to her on reaching 22 years age.

**31) Indian Farmers- Debt Slavery in 21 st Century appointing Judicial Commission:** 80% of India's small farmers and 85% of Agriculture Labour are under perpetual indebttness of Rs. 50,000/- to

1,00,000/- to private money lenders who charge 36% interest per annum. They can never repay the loan because the average interest is Rs. 80,000/- per year. These small farmers and labour incur Rs.1,000/- additional expenditure per month for family expenses (Rs.12,000/- Per Year). They do not get crop insurance or compensation for crop losses which occur once in 3 years. Most of these farmers are under perpetual servitude to the local money lenders/Adityas. CIFA has filed a case in human rights commission, Andhra Pradesh to conduct an enquiry. After 2014 Elections we demand GOI to appoint a judicial commission to study debt slavery existing in 21st century and suggest permanent remedial measures.

**32) Encouraging Organic Agriculture:** Our Country has highly divergent Consumers. We farmers need to produce to suit their needs. Production of organic crops is complex and costly. However, it is extremely environmental friendly. It is necessary that the Government must extend concessions facilities in production as well as marketing of the crops .

**33) Tobacco Production in India Need for Realistic Approach:** World demand for Tobacco is increasing at 2% per year. Farmers in A.P and Karnataka are highly experienced in Tobacco cultivation. The increasing Demand in the world can be met by our farmers. If we do not utilise this opportunity Brazil and Zimbabwe will take advantage. CIFA demands that the GOI to take a realistic view and allow Indian Farmers to utilise this increased opportunity. Imposing restrictions by taxing more will lead to smuggling. CIFA demands that the GOI to take a realistic view of allowing production but at the same time encouraging research.

**34) Opium Production in India needs Realistic Approach:** Consumption for Opium is increasing for Medical Purpose in India. Farmers in Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh are highly experienced in Farming as the Lands and climate is well suited. The GOI has been reducing the producer's number by refusing to renew licences. But at the same time GOI is importing opium and poppy seeds. This is against the interest of our farmers. CIFA demands that all the farmers' licences as of 1995 be restored. The GOI has to take a realistic view to help the opium Farmers.

### **35) Establishing Farmers Unions/ Commodity Boards Act--**

Organised Sectors of Employees, Labour have specific Acts, recognised Unions by Government and facilities of Pension, Health Etc. they have tribunals to settle disputes. Whereas, farmers have no similar facilities.

There is need to have crop specific farmers unions at different levels such as sugar cane farmers union at the factory, associations at the state level and federation at national level this will enable them to interact with the processing industry, participate in Government policies and as and when necessary articulate their issues in assembly and parliament.

The farmers unions can have elections for every 5 years and be recognised by the officials at different levels. The recognised/elected farmers unions will negotiate with the processing industries, food corporations and others on issues of pricing procurement etc. CIFA demands that after Elections a Farmers Union/Commodity Boards Acts bill be introduced and approved by Parliament.

### **36) Separate Union Agriculture Budget by Deputy Prime Minister:**

The Subject of Agriculture is shunned by Officials, planners and also our politicians. Everybody prefers industries or commerce or irrigation. Our economists and planners think that agriculture needs subsidies and that farmer is an inevitable burden. The fact is that the GDP of 10% of service and industry will go to dogs if there are 10 days food crisis in this country. The ignorance and carelessness of policy makers has brought about a great economic and social division between the organised and unorganised and urban and rural people. We farmers must now demand that the focus of GOI after 2014 Elections should be on Agriculture. We will begin by demanding a separate union Agriculture budget comprising of irrigation, commerce, fertilizer, NABARD, insurance. The budget will be presented by the Minister who will be given a rank of Deputy Prime Minister of India. CIFA demands that this should be supported by all political parties.

**37) Controlling Adityas:** Every Purchase by a Citizen of Every commodity must be given a Receipt so that it will be recorded tax and be accounted for. But in all the market yards of the country the Adityas

/ Commission Agents give receipts on a piece of white paper. Our political leader for whom market yard chairmanship is an alternative position never insists on official receipt. We will make Aditya to issue a official receipt. The transactions between the farmer and Aditya are all not accounted for. The large number of illiterate farmers are not able to keep track of loans taken interest paid, commission reduced etc., it is necessary that we farmers now regularise this entire transaction by making Payment through Cheques.

**38) Preventing Water Wars by Linking Of Rivers:** Water will make or break India. Water wars already looming across India in next 10 years they will become a reality. The Supreme Court of India has ordered taking up linking of river. India has plenty of water but its management is lopsided. 400 irrigations projects with capacity to irrigate 60 million acres are under pending for over 25 years in various states. The states have no money to complete these irrigation projects. 60% of Agriculture comprising 80 million hectares is under rainfed condition. By completing pending irrigation projects and linking rivers all the 80 million hectares will be irrigated. Land without water is Rs.1 Lakh per hectare and produces Rs.20,000/- worth crop. Land with water is 1 million per hectare and produces Rs.2 Lakhs worth crop. The present 82% of small and marginal farmers under rainfed condition will become millionaires and produce sufficient food and other needs of the nation.

The Investments is about Rs.0.5 million to Rs. 0.7 million per hectare. GOI can mobilise the resource by irrigation bonds, borrowing from international institutions of World Bank , IMF,ADB , European Union and others. C I FA has suggested 50% of the Revenue forgone (Rs.2, 50,000 Lakhs cores). Have irrigation bonds. Farmers can be asked to mortgage their lands and contribute Rs.10,000/- and above per acre (25,000 per hectare) as a share holding.

It is suggested by many experts and propagated by CIFA that national river valley authority on lines of National Highway Authority be constituted to provide financial support for completing the irrigation projects. Likewise, river valley authorities with administrative powers for maintenance and distribution of water and collection of water cess

be constituted for equitable distribution of water. Every canal must have cement lining so as to stop evaporation and seepage. Farmers be provided with water with cement/ pipe line on volume metric basis with guidance on water usage and crop planning to realise maximum benefits.

Water conservation through drip, sprinkler is of great importance for the future water usage specially under rainfed conditions. Government should provide Rs.5,000 cores every year for this purpose.

With the increase of water needs for agriculture, drinking purpose, industry and infrastructure. All of us in India should take forward the above concepts so that the available water can be scientifically used. CIFA will be launching a National Campaign of like minded people under the guidance of members of parliament, experts to carry forward the water machine.

**39) The Golden Technologies of GMO's:** Farmers are happy that Smt. Sonia Gandhi went to America and got treated with Genetic Medicines. But for farmers to take crops and cows to America to be treated by Genetic Crop Medicines is impossible. Our elite Indians wants modern technologies of Cars, Phones, TVs, Medicines Etc., they do not question whether it is manufactured by MNC or timback to.

The fact is that 50% of the world food is Genetically modified. 1200 millions consumed Genetic Soya Bean Oil and BT Cotton Edible Oil every day. In America 5 million NRIs Indian VIPs going to America eat Genetic Food every day.

Since 1998, Genetic Food is produced in 30 countries including America China and consumed in all the countries. Genetic Technology has preventive capacity to control pests, diseases and weeds. It will overcome water shortage and flooding / submersion. It will add proteins and vitamins to bland serials of rice and potato making them nutritious and permanently solving malnutrition problem.

CIFA assures the farmers, consumers and elite and every one in India that Genetic Food is absolutely safe. It is required by our farmers to produce sufficient food to meet our growing population needs.

**40) Need for Liberlisation Agriculture Sector:** We farmers here every day that the 1990 liberalisation has propelled the growth of service and industrial sector. But we do not know what this liberlisation. But when the liberlisations are spoken in Agriculture sector the left right and centre politicians and every Tom-Dick-Harry opposes this reform. In simple farmers language reforms means –

- a. Adopting New Technologies that are available in every part of the world.
- b. Allow investments from every part of the world including BLACK – WHITE a n d B L U E M O N E Y.
- c. Allow selling of the produce at any place of your choice.

For Agriculture we need Genetic seeds which improves productivity, control disease and weeds.

Farmers require investments in Irrigation projects, Cold Storages, Ware Houses and Processing Industries.

Our Agriculture products must be allowed to market wherever there is attractive price.

But the many political parties oppose the Farmers Reforms. Why they do it is to be discussed by the farmers and tell them to shutup. CIFA will be taking up reforms of APMC, Private Investments, FDI in retail, removing export restrictions and many others. Instead of being a dump spectator every farmer must understand that the reforms are needed by all of us. We need to adopt technologies and produce quality product and face international competition. We must remember that our fellow Indians, Doctors, engineers, IT specialist are able to compete in America and are achieving name and fame. Let Indian Farmers be also globally competitive.

**41) Pesticides are Crop Medicines:** The city fellows including Amir Khan think that pesticides are like Atom Bomb. What these jockers need to know is that Humans – Animals- Plants are living organisms. They are susceptible for health problems. In human beings, diseases are controlled by use of medicines such as AntiBiotics. To control mosquitoes they use Allout. For Humans new technologies such as vaccines to prevent polio and small pox are invented and used. Whereas, for crops to control pests, diseases and weeds. Farmers have to use chemicals which are crop medicines. They have the same qualities of Human Medicines. For Humans New Genetic Technologies to control sugar is developed which earlier was produced animal bones. Likewise, for crops Genetic Technology is a preventive technology which needs to be used for assured crop production with better quality. Our advice to this half knowledge urbanites is trying to understand that the cow and crop are as precious to farmers as children to you.

**42) Farmers and Industry Alliance:** Farmers are actively involved as suppliers of sugarcane, milk, paddy, jute, oil seeds to the Agro-processing industries. So also farmers are regular consumers of fertilizer, pesticides, seeds etc., the Industries requires to involve farmers in their management by making them as a director in their board of management. It is also suggested that the industries not only pay the cost of raw material but also consider giving shares to the farmers. This increased understanding between the farmers and industry will lead to improved quality parameters, long term contract farming and other mutually beneficial issues.

**43) Encouraging Rural Games and Cultural Events:** We have no objection for Mr. Sachin Tendulkar getting Bharata Ratna. We are also happy that Sonia Mirja given land in Hyderabad to promote tennis. However, we farmers want encouragement and support from Government and private sector to continue with our centuries old games and cultural events that have deep roots in our villages. The archery is a olympic event for which only a millionaire can afford fees in the Delhi Club. But the same archery in the tribal areas. As well as the swimming by our fishermen, weight lifting by our farmers can be

encouraged. Likewise, the classical dances of Bharathanatyam and Kuchipudi and singing Academics in Cities and Towns are encouraged in the villages. Let us make our policy makers realise that the games of Arjuna (Archery), Bhima (Wrestling) and Jalastamba (by Duryodana) are revived. The charit traces (tractors) Malla Kamba be encouraged.

**44) Padmasri Awards to Agriculture Scientists & Farmers:** Farmers are happy that film stars, sports men and scientists are given recognition in padmasri and other awards. Likewise, we will greatly appreciate if the President of India can realises that the assured food on his table is provided because of the hardwork by scientist and the farmers should also be given equal recognition.

**45) Promoting Non Conventional Energy:** in the Villages we enjoy both sunshine as well as the moon. We modernisation we do not see son or moon. The culprit is Electricity as it is used by 24 hours in all our activities. The problem that has come up is unlimited demand for electricity and the consequent power generation, pollution and other issues. A sensible solution in the Indian Context is to utilise the wonderful sunrays that are available to us throughout the year. The solar energy utilisation is a pioneering Researchi activity across the world. we india must ask our policy makers to encourage transfer of technology and its adoption by one and all specially the 40 million tube well owners in India. Likewise, the wind energy, bioenergy or to be encouraged which we farmers need to understand and lobby with our policy makers to provide easy adoption.

**46) Amending Wild Animals Act:** Millions of farmers are losing crops worth crores of Ruppees and thousands are dying due to wild animals. The Nealgoi, Wild Pig, Monkeys, Elephants, Sheetal cause unlimited damage to the farm sector. The present wild life protection act imposes a punishment of 3 years improsinment and provides powers to forest officials. CIFA suggests that a District Committee under the chairmanship of Collector be established for culling the wild animals and also paying compensation to the farmers crops and lives.

**47) Promoting Agriculture Services:** The present administrative system of Agriculture Ministry, Departments, Universities, Research Stations and others are often headed by people without basic Agriculture knowledge. In the years to come Agriculture services in order to develop global competitiveness be established at every level and the recruitment for the heads of department has to be from amongst Agriculture Background personal.

**48) Compulsory Treatment Of Urban Polluted Water:** Urban Water from cities and towns is discharged into the rivers causing diseases to crops, damage soil, and health problems to animals. CIFA demands that by 2019 all the city waters in the country must be treated.

**49) Should Farms around Cities be Taxed?** It is complained by many urban people that rich farmers ARE not taxed. The fact is that they are no rich farmers in villages. It is only farms around cities that claim to make huge profit. Perhaps for the income tax purpose. CIFA wants a debate on whether the above farms be taxed .

**50) To Change Union Budgetary Dates From January To December:** The existing Budget approval, release of sanctions for various development activities such as maintenance of irrigation canals, tanks, roads, school buildings is not conducive for timely completion of activities. Because the present budget is passed in March, and approved in April and released in May. The monsoon sets in June and therefore the above activities cannot be implemented. CIFA demands that the budgetary dates be changed to January to December.

**51) Corporate Social Responsibility Resources For Farmers:** Fertilizer, Pesticides, Seeds, Tractors, Drip and sprinkler irrigation companies must spend the total budget allocations of CSR for Farmers in skill development, providing extension services. The FMCG, Electric motors, Diesel Engines, Tyre Companies, Textile Companies, Chemical Industry must allocate 1% for farmers.

**52) Abolishing RR Act:** The British terrified the farmers by creating a fear of treating him as criminal and keeping him in jail at his own cost for not paying revenue arrears. While the white masters who made this Act left 65 years back our black masters still continue it. CIFA gives 6 months time to the Government to remove this Act.

**53) Abolishing Essential Commodities Act:** During 2nd World War the White Masters made this Act so that they can make the farmers give away of food grains and all other commodities to the Government so that they can support the war efforts. Even after, 70 years our Governments are continuing it let us get read of them.